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My Government welcomes the adoption of the statement of the President of the Security Council on the item entitled "An agenda for peace: peace-keeping" (S/PRST/1996/13), which gives further consideration to arrangements for consultations and the exchange of information with troop-contributing countries to United Nations peace-keeping operations.

As effective response to peace-keeping efforts depends on the will and support of the Member States, we believe that the adoption of this statement will strengthen the process leading to improvements in providing and exchanging information between the Security Council and troop-contributing countries, which is necessary in all such efforts. Greater transparency by the Council will encourage Member States to participate in an active manner during all stages of peace-keeping operations.

My Government notes with satisfaction that paragraph (e) of the statement states that the "existing practice of inviting to these meetings Member States which make special contributions to peace-keeping operations other than troops - that is, contributions to trust funds, logistics and equipment - will continue". In this regard, considering that Croatia gives logistics and other equipment support to the peace-keeping operations in Croatia (United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES), United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP)) and the international missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), Implementation Force (IFOR)), it is the opinion of my Government that Croatia should also have an opportunity to participate in troop-contributor meetings with the Security Council when the aforementioned operations are in question.

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